

Worcester Oct. 5 '49

My dear Friend

I have long wanted to say a word to some one of the
Ex Com. in reference to the management of the Anti Slavery cause in
New York — Is the Com. aware that the lines between Old organization
and Liberty Party and the Leagues are not well drawn? I fear all
I can learn I infer that our friends there are in about the same predic-
ament that I was while in New York some four or five years since.
I thought I was using the enemy, but found to my great sorrow, first
ly that the enemy had been using me — I presume Hathaway as
truly discredits the faithfulness of third and fourth parties as Edmund
Diney, even, but he certainly lacks the wisdom necessary to attack it
successfully — I cannot for a moment believe there is one particle of
the spirit of compromise in him any more than in Hudson and Reynolds
but some how or other, some of them appear to be doing the work most
essential to be done there — breaking up the bridges — Stephen writes me
that he fears all the expense laid out on that State will be lost, or
worse than lost unless some person qualified for the work shall go in
and pitch battle with the meanest and most insidious enemy — He
suggests Parker Pillsbury —

Another matter greatly troubles me — The establishment of a paper
by Douglas in Cleveland — Two dissension papers can hardly be sus-
tained in that section of the West — My fears are that Douglas's
will supplant the Bugle — But if only one can live 'tis better that
it should be the Bugle. That is under the supervision of a committee of
true men and I would rather trust the many in such a case than
the one even, should that one be Douglas. I have always feared ^{him} ~~him~~ ^{Confidential}

And then the manner of Douglas's proceeding in this matter was not quite honorable to say the least - He never consulted any of the more active and responsible of the abolitionists in the West except Lamb. Brooks and Lamb is either a little damaged or else he is worse - I hope it is the former - D. was three days in Salem and never opened his lips about the paper to any one there and then in a week sent his ~~prospectus~~ prospectus to the Eagle -

Will you inform me of the address of Mary Howitt and if you conveniently can send me the cautionary between the Howitts and the People's Journal -

In great haste

(Yrs. truly and aff.)

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